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March 5th.

DR. ELWYN in the Chair.

A communication was read from the American Philosophical Society, dated March 2d, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of Part 4, Vol. 1, of the Journal of the Academy.

A letter from H. W. Ravenel, Esq., dated Black Oak, South Carolina, Feb. 26th, 1850, stating his intention to forward without delay a package of South Carolina plants for the Academy, and making inquiries respecting exchanges. Referred to the Botanical Committee.

Dr. Morton presented the following letter from Elliott Cresson, Esq., of Philadelphia, addressed to the members of the Academy, dated March 5th.

"It will doubtless be gratifying to you to learn that the attention of scientific men is turned, with deep interest, upon the long neglected continent of Africa: and it is equally due to you and to the distinguished gentlemen who have made so liberal an offer, to state that Hon. John Short, of Cincinnati, and Professor Charles Short, of Louisville, have most munificently offered to bear all the expenses of a botanical mission to Africa, provided a person of proper zeal and other qualifications can be obtained for the service. Professor Christy, of Oxford, Ohio, has also expressed to us his wish to make a geological survey of Africa."

The letter was, on motion, referred to the Zoological Committee.

The following, from the same, was also read.

Extract from a letter from Senator Stephen A. Benson to Elliott Cresson, dated Bassa Cove, Republic of Liberia, October 28th, 1849.

"I had almost forgotten to tender you my thanks for the pamphlet forwarded to me, containing some observations on the Hippopotamus Liberiensis. This animal inhabits all the larger rivers of Liberia, and I have known seven in all to be killed by the natives living near the St. John's river, but have never seen but one myself. This one was shot by a native in 1835, on an island in this river, opposite Bexley, and so far as I can now remember, it corresponded with the description given by Dr. Morton and his correspondents. The natives say that they are to be frequently seen upon the islands opposite and above Bexley."

March 12th.

MR. PEARSALL in the Chair.

A note was read from Elliott Cresson, Esq., dated Philadelphia, March 8th, 1850, presenting a collection of Coleopterous insects from Liberia.

A letter from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, dated Boston, March 6th, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of Part 4, Vol. 1, new series of the Journal, and requesting a copy of the first series, and

offering in return such volumes of the memoirs of the American Academy as may be wanting in the Library of this Society.

A letter from Maximilian Prince de Wied, dated Neu-wied on the Rhine, January 8th, 1850, offering to exchange specimens of European Quadrupeds, Birds, &c., for those of this country. Referred to the Zoological Committee.

A communication from Dr. Lewis R. Gibbes, dated Charleston, March 5th, 1850, accompanying "A Catalogue (prepared by himself) of the Crustacea in the Cabinet of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, August 20th, 1847, with notes on the most remarkable." The latter being intended for publication, was referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Bridges, Zantzinger, and Leidy.

On motion of Mr. Vaux, it was *Resolved*, That the Publication Committee be authorized to transmit to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, such numbers of the first series of the Journal as the Committee may deem expedient.

March 19th.

DR. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

A communication was read from Peter A. Browne, Esq., entitled "Microscopic description of some piles on the head of Albinos." Referred to Mr. Fisher, Dr. Elwyn and Prof. Haldeman.

On leave granted, the Zoological Committee, to which was referred the Messrs. Short's communication to Mr. Elliott Cresson, of Philadelphia, in relation to their proposed scientific expedition to Africa, reported that it was inexpedient to recommend any action on the subject at this time by the Academy.

March 26th.

The Committee to which was referred Prof. Gibbes' Catalogue of the Crustacea in the Cabinet of the Academy, reported in favor of its publication in the Proceedings, with observations by the Committee.

Catalogue of the Crustacea in the Cabinet of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, August 20th, 1847, with notes on the most remarkable.

By Prof. LEWIS R. GIBBES, Charleston, South Carolina.

In August, 1847, the collection of Crustacea in the Cabinet of the Academy was kindly laid open to me for inspection and study; and as the specimens were not all labelled, I endeavored to make some return for the favor by labelling the whole collection, as far as practicable, in the few days I spent in the city, in a mode uniform with that I adopted for the collection belonging to the Boston Society of Natural History. No labels were attached, of course, to those

ERRATA IN VOL. V.

- Page 14, line 16 from bottom, for *Zeuker* read *Zenker*.
 " 22, " 10 " top, for *February* read *August*.
 " 55, " 23, " bottom, for *Plumus* read *Plumos*.
 " 117, " 16 " " for *Vol. 5* read *Vol. 4*.
 " 154, " 12 " top, for *necessarily* read *unnecessarily*.
 " 157, " 4 " bottom, for *Heidinger* read *Haidinger*.
 " 169, " 10 " top, for *Dikaj* read *Dijak*.
 " 209, " 7 " " for *isoseoles* read *isoscel-s*.
 " 209, " 10 " " for *joints* read *points*.
 " 210, " 5 " bottom, for *papulus* read *Passalus*.
 " 210, " 4 " " for *gulus* read *Julus*.
 " 212, " 21 " " for 8 read 13, and for 34 read 54.
 " 224, " 10 and 11 from bottom, for *Aspidagaster* read *Aspidogaster*.
 " 227, " 2 from bottom, insert John H. Brinton.
 " 256, " 5 " " for *Sowerly* read *Sowerby*.
 " 259, " 13 " " for *Statisque* read *Statistique*.
 " 275, " 10 " top, for *Longstreth* read *Langstroth*.
 " 276, " 19 " " for *robustum* read *priscum*.
 " 276, " 23 " " for *i. ½* read *i. ¾*.
 " 276, " 2 " bottom, before "by" insert "read."
 " 295, " 8 " top, for *were* read *are*.
 " 296, " 5 " " for *Silliquaria* read *Sigillaria*.
 " 297, " 13 " " for *Ireland* read *Iceland*.
 " 297, bottom line, for *Arctos* read *maritimus*.
 " 301, line 21 from bottom, for *cinqe* read *cinque*.
 " 345, top line, for *puncticollis* read *poricollis*.
 " 357, line 21 from top, for *Coaco* read *Cocoa*.
 " 357, " 11 " bottom, for *Borneo* read *Africa*.
 " 357, bottom line, for *Fiuns* read *Finns*.